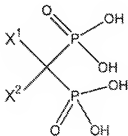


Amendments to claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1 - 11 (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) A salt monosalt of ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ methylene bisphosphonic acid of formula I



(I)

wherein one of X¹ and X² are independently is hydrogen or halogen and the other is chlorine, and the monosalt is selected from the group consisting of a C₁₋₆ straight or branched primary, secondary or tertiary alkyl amine salt, an aralkyl amine salt, and a basic N-containing heterocycle salt.

13-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) A salt as claimed in claim 17 wherein the salt is a triethylamine, tri-n-propylamine, diisopropylethylamine, tri-n-butylamine, pyridine, or tribenzylamine or sodium salt.

19-23. (Cancelled)